



## Enteromorpha flexuosa (ssp. flexuosa and ssp. paradoxa)

Green alga, grass kelp

### General

1. Euryhaline green alga up to 4mm across

### Geography and Habitat

1. Native: Cryptogenic, distributed globally
2. Habitats
  - Primarily marine, but tolerates freshwater conditions
  - Prefers littoral zones with some wave action
  - Occurs in Mesotrophic to eutrophic aquatic habitats
  - Subspecies co-occur in littoral zone macrophyte beds, with *E. flexuosa paradoxa* dominant in abundance



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### Invasion Pathways

1. Likely ballast water release
2. Ship hulls

### Sources

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